



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Angeles District  
1925 Las Virgenes Road  
Calabasas, CA 91302-1909

**PROJECT TITLE:** Topanga Fire Road Repairs

**LOCATION:** Topanga State Park

**COUNTY:** Los Angeles

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

This project will repair surface water drainage along fire roads in Topanga State Park (Eagle Springs Fire Road, Eagle Rock Fire Road, Fire Road Thirty, and East Topanga Fire Road) in order to reduce road surface erosion and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) in target watersheds identified by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Road repairs will include infilling of road entrenchments, outsloping of road edge by removing or reducing road edge berms, clearing of existing plugged culvert pipes, and installation of swales and spot side drainage where no berms exist or thick vegetation has grown over berms. Brush will be removed from outside road berms and used to infill inside edge of road, including root balls to increase potential for re-sprouting. All trees along road edges will be left in place. Existing soil stockpiles along fire roads will be used to fill ruts and entrenchments; additional locally-sourced clean soil may be imported to complete entrenchment fill. In areas where a wide berm exists, road edges will be re-vegetated after outsloping with a native species seed mix selected by the District Environmental Scientist(s).

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Angeles

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 4 Section(s): 15301 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including comments provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15301 – Existing Facilities, and §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Trail or road repairs" (Class 1, Section 15301); and
- "Resource management projects" (Class 4, Section 15304)

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